

Compass Chronicle

Compass Charter Schools | Fall 2018

Happy Fall!

It is hard to believe we have nearly arrived in October! I hope everyone is enjoying our Compass Experience, and having a smooth and successful start to their school year. It is truly an honor that our scholars, both new and returning, have chosen Compass to guide your unique educational journeys for the 2018-19 school year.

The Compass Chronicle is our quarterly newsletter, full of important information and exciting updates about Compass Charter Schools. I hope you enjoy learning more about our scholars, our families, our staff, and the amazing work that is happening in and out of the virtual classroom!



Is there something specific you'd like to see in the newsletter? We have Virtual Suggestion Boxes for [scholars](#), as well as [parents](#), where you can share your input on Compass Charter Schools. We review these monthly with our [Parent Advisory Council](#), [Scholar Leadership Council](#) and Staff Advisory Committee. Feel free to share your suggestion(s) today to help us continue to enhance the educational experience for our scholars.

On behalf of our amazing staff, welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I wish our scholars nothing but the best as they chart their educational journey at Compass.

Forever Loud & Proud,

J.J. Lewis, Superintendent & CEO

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Online Elementary School | Fall 2018

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year!

The K-8 program is up and in action! Our scholars have been attending learning labs, submitting work, and communicating with their teachers. Our amazing teachers hosted some very engaging learning labs, and attendance was through the roof this month. We're excited for our scholars to continue to attend our live, virtual learning labs so that they can experience all of the fun, interactive activities our teachers have planned.



Ashley Daugherty, K-8 Coordinator
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What's New in Online K-8?

This year we are excited to welcome Ms. Kim Noller, Ms. Carrie Talcott, and Ms. Lacey Lehman to the middle school team! They each come to us with many years of experience teaching and supporting scholars.

Our Elementary School teachers sincerely enjoy hosting learning labs for their scholars! This month they enjoyed using the online classes to get to know their scholars and support learning in a fun and engaging environment. Later this year, the scholars will have even more opportunities to interact with their teachers and peers! Learning labs are held Monday through Friday and are now divided by grade level and subject. Our new lab structure allows scholars to interact with more of our Elementary School teachers and collaborate with scholars in different classes!

Earlier this month, Mrs. Villegas held some incredible Reading Workshops focused on organization, growth mindset, positive attitude, and how to make the best of the Learning Lab environment!

Looking ahead, our Parent Teacher Conferences are back! They will be held starting at the end of October with each scholar's supervising teacher. These conferences allow learning coaches to connect

with their scholar's teachers, review diagnostic assessment results, create goals for each scholar, and develop an action plan on how to achieve them!



FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

We are featuring learning coach Rebecca Lunsford and her elementary school scholar, Lakota Lunsford Parcell

We know that often with our scholars each day is different, but what would a typical day look like for you and your scholar?

Rebecca: Every day we eat oatmeal for breakfast, and we read together. Otherwise, every day is really different for our family!

What has been your greatest joy in teaching your scholar at home?

Rebecca: My greatest joy is being able to research topics in-depth with my scholar. We are able to take time for field trips and really explore each topic rather than just stopping where the lesson ends. I also enjoy being present to experience her growth and seeing her smile when she makes a new discovery!

Share a challenge that you have experienced as a learning coach and how you have worked to overcome the challenge.



Rebecca: Our scholar uses the K12 curriculum. K12 allows us to continue learning during all of life's challenges. When my scholar was sick and on an antibiotic, we were still able to work and learn by finishing lessons at different times of the day or even on weekends.

Why did you decide to school from home with Compass Charter Schools?

Rebecca: When I learned that my scholar was shy, I called a friend who homeschooled her shy daughter and received some really helpful advice and encouragement. She suggested homeschooling through a charter school. Since I have three teaching credentials and my husband is a Senior Computer Scientist who works from home, we felt confident in giving Compass a try.

What do you enjoy most about being part of our Compass community?

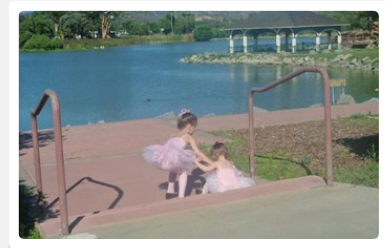
Rebecca: The Compass community is so nice! We especially enjoy the wonderful teachers, the great materials (the technology just keeps improving and the literacy selections are perfect!), the Coffee with Compass events, and the flexibility to study and learn when it's best for our family.

Share a piece of advice you'd give to a parent thinking about schooling their child at home?

Rebecca: Parents have approached us about our experience with learning at home, and we usually suggest that they try Compass. We encourage other families to do whatever is best for their child and family!

What do you and your family enjoy doing together during your free time?

Rebecca: My scholar enjoys collecting Schleich Dinosaurs and Pet Shop Pets, playing fetch with our dog, family gatherings, playing guitar, piano, or making up songs, visiting the Dinosaur Museum, traveling, and playing a fun round of "Guess which animal I am!"



LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Erin Smith, Director of Online Learning

Where did you attend college and earn your degrees/credential?

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and National University

How many years have you worked in education?

I've worked in education for almost 17 years!

What were you doing before you joined CCS?

Over the years, I've taught 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade science and worked as an Education Consultant for Pearson Scott Foresman

How long have you been part of Compass?

This is the start of my sixth year at Compass.

What's your favorite ice cream and your favorite color?

My favorite ice cream is mint chip and my favorite color is blue.

Please share one fun fact about yourself.

I love to wakeboard! My boys say that I am pretty good at it, too, for being a mom. ;)



Ashley Daugherty, K-8 Coordinator

Where did you attend college and earn your degrees/credential?

I went to San Diego State University. Go, Aztecs!

How many years have you worked in education?

I have been working in education for almost ten years.

What were you doing before you joined CCS?

Before joining the Compass community, I taught fourth-grade scholars at Painted Rock in the Poway Unified School District.

How long have you been part of Compass?

This is my fifth school year with Compass.

What's your favorite animal and your favorite season?

My favorite animals are dogs! I have an eight-month old Goldendoodle at home named Lucy who is my loveable assistant throughout the day. I also have a family dog, Prince, who has been part of our family for eleven years. My favorite season would be winter. I love all of the holiday festivities!

Please share one fun fact about yourself.

I have been tap dancing since I was two years old and I still teach tap lessons occasionally for fun after school!



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- **Update us with your current and working cell/home phone numbers.** We cannot stress enough how important it is that we are able to contact you and your learning coach at all times.
- **Send us your current mailing addresses.** Similar to the importance of having your phone numbers, it is very important that we have your current and updated mailing address. Although rare, we do sometimes mail items (example: high school diploma) and we want to ensure you're receiving what we send.
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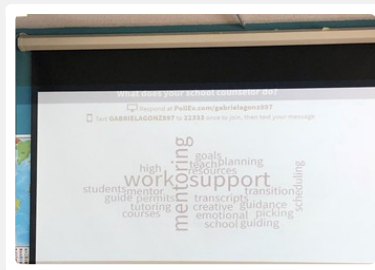
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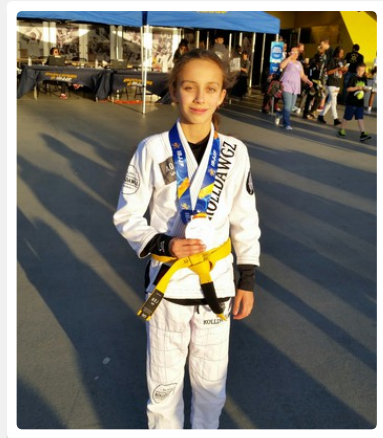
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LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

This month we recognize Debra Stephan, Director of Counseling Services

Where did you attend college and earn your degrees/credential?

I proudly earned my undergraduate degree at California State University, Northridge. Go, Matadors! Later, I continued my education at California Lutheran University where I earned a secondary teaching credential and a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance with a Pupil Personnel Services Credential.



How many years have you worked in the field of education?

In my roles as a teacher and counselor, I have been working in education for over a decade to help scholars make impactful choices in a self-honoring way.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy reading and staying current in the field of professional school counseling. I also like spending quality time with my husband and three children. We enjoy going on camping adventures, going to LA Kings hockey games, or seeing a Broadway musical!

Can you share an interesting fact about yourself?

I have traveled to every state west of the Rocky Mountains and Canada to visit 21 of the 59 National Parks in the lower 48 states.

EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLAR SERVICES



School is back in session!

With the change of seasons comes change to the Special Education Department at Compass. First, our department has undergone a name change! We are now referred to as The Exceptional Scholar Services Department. With this name change, it should be apparent that we are here to support the independent learning needs of each scholar as we continue to recognize and appreciate that families choose us to support their child's education and development.

Additionally, I'm excited to share that our department has several new teachers. Please welcome Lourdes Alvarez, who is working with scholars in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Next, please welcome Cindy Galvez, Barbara Johnston, and Erin Wakefield, who all support our middle school and high school scholars.

We are also ready to continue with our wonderful and dedicated providers at Global, Oxford, and Presence just to name a few.

We look forward to building new relationships with our families as the year progresses and I sincerely appreciate your patience as our new teachers are indoctrinated into our Compass Family!

Gabi Golan
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What's new in Exceptional Scholar Services?

Our program is growing and evolving every day! This month our wonderful new teachers spent time connecting with our scholars and their families and scheduling SAI specialized academic so that our scholars continue to receive the personalized that support they need to grow and progress. The team looks forward to expanding and offering more support services for scholars later this year!

EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLAR SERVICES LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Gabi Golan, Director of Exceptional Scholar Services

Where did you attend college and earn your degrees/credential?

I attended University of California, Los Angeles. Fortunately, I was able to live in an apartment owned by a family-friend in Hollywood, which was much more economical than dorm living. With that, I missed the college dorm experience, but I had the opportunity to experience living in a very culturally diverse neighborhood which enriched my life enormously.

How many years have you worked in counseling? (teaching not counseling)

I taught special education at various grade levels for about 18 years before moving into a department leadership position.

What were you doing before you joined CCS?

I can barely recall life before Compass! Actually, I was both a special education teacher and an Education Specialist at another charter school. I built long-term relationships with my former scholars and their parents after supporting them for many years.

How long have you been part of Compass?

I have been at Compass for just over a year! I felt right at home very quickly so it seems like I have been here much longer, in a good way!

What's your favorite book and your favorite movie?

I really enjoyed reading *The Help* by [insert name]. My favorite movie is the original Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!

Please share one fun fact about yourself.

I love to prepare food and feed people! I get it from my mother.



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Online High School | Fall 2018

Welcome to the the 2018-19 school year!

My name is Janae Smith and I am the Online High School coordinator. I am thrilled to work with each of our great CCS high school families this school year. Our entire high school team has worked tirelessly to ensure that our scholars have the best year yet! Teachers have spent many hours prepping for engaging learning labs and have been collaborating on the latest technology tools to enhance the online learning experience.



You may have noticed our new Learning Management System (LMS) course player this year. Although courses look different, the same commitment to education and ensuring that scholars master key standards is still included in each high school course. There are many enhancements to the new LMS course player you may be excited to use. First, on each scholar dashboard, a calendar feature is included. This is a creative tool to help scholars stay organized and stay on pace as each assignment due date appears on the calendar.

Another enhancement in the new LMS course play is the ease of using the system and working in the courses. From the message center to the grade book, scholars will notice the user-friendly features to help them find success this year. Overall, the entire high school team is excited for scholars to work in this new LMS and we think that all of our families will come to love this exciting change!

Welcome to the new school year and we look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Janae Smith, High School Coordinator

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WHAT'S NEW IN HIGH SCHOOL?

There are many exciting opportunities for our scholars this school year in our online department.

The first exciting opportunity is the continuation with our a-g college board approved, in-person science wet labs. This year we are pleased to announce the addition of our physical science labs! With this addition, CCS now offers a-g wet labs for all of our lab sciences including biology, chemistry, and physics. Once again we are also excited to work with scholars in person in our lab locations in Lake Elsinore, the Los Angeles area, and Fresno. Please look for the Parent Square invite to RSVP for one of these locations during the semester.

The second exciting opportunity is the growth of our AVID program. Once again our 9th-grade scholars will participate in this program that encourages individual determination and self-motivation, organization and developing the critical thinking skills that will promote lifelong learning and success. An addition to our AVID program year will include the AVID tutorials during the AVID elective course. This tutorial promotes collaboration as scholars work together to learn concepts and master their learning in their content courses.

Another exciting opportunity this school year for our online high school scholars is our top-notch learning labs! Each week scholars will explore different cultures, languages, famous art, classic poetry, and more as they engage in thought-provoking discussion with their teachers and peers to master their courses.

Once again, I look forward to working with our CCS families and I can speak on behalf of our entire online high school department when I say we are excited for a great year ahead!



SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Cielo H.

“My name is Cielo Hernandez, I am in 11th grade. My family loves to go hiking and on adventures. I have 3 sisters; Sol, Luna and Leilani. I have 2 brothers; Joseph and John. I speak two languages; English and Spanish. I chose CCS because I like the freedom of homeschool. My favorite hobbies are movie marathons, video games, photography and going on adventures.”



CCS: We know that often with our scholars that each day is different, but what would a typical day look like for you and your scholar?

While I am preparing breakfast, Cielo is waking up, getting ready. She gets herself ready while the laptop starts up and logs in. During the day she asks me questions and if I can remember my schooling from my younger years, I will help her.

CCS: What has been your greatest joy in schooling your scholar at home?

First of all, safety. With all the school shootings and lockdowns going on, I feel safer with her being at home. Second, the pace. She can study at her pace and not worry about the pressures that usually surround high school.

CCS: Share a challenge that you have experienced as a learning coach and how you have worked to overcome the challenge.

I forgot most of what I learned in school so whenever she asks me for help I am frustrated because I forgot the stuff! I have 2 younger daughters so often you will see us on the internet and everyone in the family contributing to the cause!

CCS: Why did you decide to school from home with Compass Charter Schools?

To be honest, we were homeless a while back. Since I didn't want to be changing them school to school while we found housing, I looked and this seemed to be a good option.

CCS: What do you enjoy most about being part of our Compass community?

The staff is fantastic. No, really. I can talk to the teachers, counselors, ask for help, and so far everyone has helped us out.

CCS: Share a piece of advice you'd give to a parent thinking about taking their child out of school to school at home?

Beware of the naysayers! Many people will try to talk you out of homeschooling your child. The school will try to downgrade homeschooling. Family will be like "they need friends!" but just consider your options, think about it, ask questions. I have 6 kids, 4 were/are homeschooled. I am glad I chose this option.

CCS: What do you and your family enjoy doing together during your free time?

We love to go hiking up on Griffith Park, camping at Lake Isabella, going to the Wilshire District and eating Korean food while learning about the old buildings Los Angeles used to have! Oh and we love family movie nights!



Janae Smith, High School Coordinator

My name is Janae Smith. I am the High School Coordinator at Compass Charter Schools. I oversee our online high school program. I have worked at Compass Charters for over 3 years, starting with them as an online high school English teacher. I have worked in education for 18 years in various teaching environments. I am originally from Covina, CA and moved to the Inland Empire after I was married in 2002. I earned a B.A. in English from Cal. State University, Fullerton, my teaching credential from the University of Redlands, and am currently finishing my M.S. in Curriculum Instruction and Design from Western Governors University. When I get a moment of free time I enjoy spending time with my four kids riding bikes, cheering at the soccer field, and hanging out with our dog Molly.

SCHOLAR WORK SAMPLES

In Geometry Learning labs, Mrs. Lewers challenged her scholars to consider their Growth Mindset and used an AVID WICOR strategy enabling scholars to collaborate with a partner.

Ms. Woodley's Advance Math scholars worked together to solve equations in their first learning labs of the school year.

Mr. Spinks Physical Science Scholars learned how to graph data results on the effects of fertilizer on tomato plants.

Mrs. Jennings's English class used the AVID WICOR writing strategy to create free verse, class introduction poems similar to Langston Hughes' poem "Theme for English B."

Students watched a video about Growth Mindset, and read an article, followed by discussion in large group, and then in pairs:

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- Ask questions
- Engage fully
- Integrate new information
- Open your mind to diverse views
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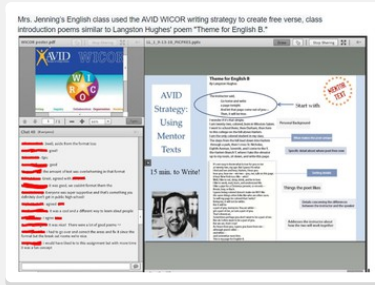
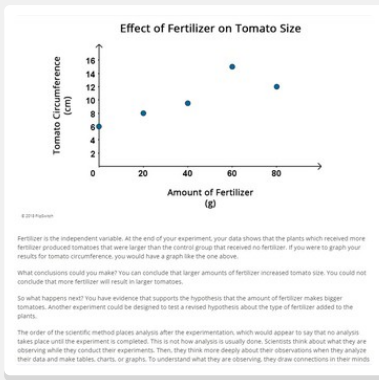
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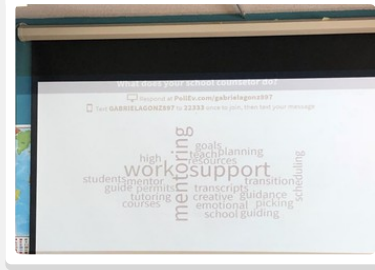
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Compass Chronicle

Options Program | Fall 2018

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year, Options families!

We are excited for all this year has in store for us, and we are thankful that you have chosen Compass. It was great to see those of you who were able to join us at our Back to School Night before school started. Now that the school year is well underway, your Educational Facilitators have enjoyed connecting with you and collaborating on your curricular plans for this school year. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!



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What's New in Options?

If you are new to Compass this year, a hearty welcome to you! If you are a returning family, we are so glad you are continuing with us. The Options program here at Compass has been growing and expanding recently in several ways.

Options has multiple new, wonderful Educational Facilitators this year. If you have the pleasure of working with one of these new team members, you will soon learn how fantastic they are!

We also have many new vendors! Read the *Vendor News* section in this newsletter to learn more about them! As always, if you don't see a vendor on the list that you'd like, please let your EF know, and we can help you get the process started for adding them! Kudos to our Vendor Relations team who can boast that we now have over 650 vendors for you to choose from. We hope that the vast array of vendors will allow you and your family to have excellent choices for curriculum, materials, and services this year.

Back by popular demand this year is Parent Square. We hope that you have been enjoying this one-stop-shop for activity logs, engagement opportunities, and announcements. Don't forget that this is the new place to sign up for field trips, scholar clubs, etc. So far, we have heard that you are really

enjoying this new forum and hope that it will continue to make for easy activity log submissions and streamlined communication this year.

Save the dates for our new set of Roundtable Discussions that will be occurring soon for our Options families. Mark your calendars for 9/27, 11/29, 2/7 and 3/28, all at 8:00 P.M. These discussions are a great place to connect virtually with other families to discuss topics such as curricular choices, vendor options, etc. Watch the Monday Morning Updates for the links to join in the fun!

New Coffee with Compass events will be occurring soon. This event is back by popular demand and will be happening throughout different areas in California. We hope to see some of our Options families at these events!

Hopefully you've enjoyed reading about what's new within Options and all the great things that have happened throughout the month of September. We would love to hear what's new with you! What have your scholars been working on since the first day of school? Did they participate in any neat educational activities? Did you go on any vacations this summer? Keep us in the loop!

-The Options Team



FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

Learning Coach, Amie Grace Padilla, and her middle school scholar, Erin Grace, share their experience at Compass

CCS: Why did you decide to homeschool, and why do you enjoy homeschooling?

LC/scholar: We first started homeschooling because of a medical concern that caused Erin to miss a lot school but, thankfully, resolved after she started homeschool. She was able to explore her passion for dance and is now able to enroll in dance classes at a studio that is a part of the vendor list at Compass. Erin enjoys the flexibility of homeschooling. Although she is discovering that certain subjects are not easy to learn alone, especially in middle school, she is managing her classes well.



CCS: How long have you been part of Compass Charter Schools?

LC/scholar: This will be our 3rd year. Erin started in 6th Grade.

CCS: Can you tell us a little bit about your family?

LC/scholar: Dan and I are blessed with two teenagers this year - Erin, 13, and her older brother Ethan who just turned 16. Only Erin is homeschooled, and Ethan is in 11th Grade. We like to travel to places we have not been to yet and discover new things together. We enjoy volunteering at our church, The Grove Community Church, here in Riverside. Having a personal relationship with God is what we desire for our children to have, and these teenage years will be interesting. Dan is finishing school to become an accountant, and I am a pharmacist. Homeschooling has given us resources that are helping us help our children prepare for college now while they are still in junior high and high school. Music is a pleasant noise in our house, and Dan and I are glad that singing and playing musical instruments are a hobby in our house. We have a dog named Moo, a Maltese Shi-tzu.

CCS: What are your scholar's favorite subjects to study?

LC/Scholar: Erin loves Math and is really interested in learning Spanish this year. But her dance classes are her most favorite of all.

CCS: What do you enjoy most about being part of our Compass community?

LC/Scholar: The flexibility of time and the field trips. Sharlie, Erin's EF, has been really helpful and patient with us and always available to give ideas and recommendations.

CCS: What do you wish someone had told you before you started homeschooling?

LC: I had a book from the My Book House collection that introduced me to homeschooling that gave me an idea of how it works and how it can work for us. I think the amount of commitment required from us, the parent-teacher, was the one we didn't quite anticipate in the beginning.

CCS: Have you ever been on a CCS field trip? If so, what was your favorite one?

LC/Scholar: Yes, Dan and Erin usually go, but even Ethan can occasionally go. The LA County Fair was somewhere Erin really enjoyed.

CCS: What do you like to do outside of school?

LC: Travel or stay home in the backyard with Moo.

CCS: Do you have any hobbies?

LC/Scholar: Not really. I like learning something new most of the time. I would like to catch up with sleep as much as I can.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kristy Smith, Director of Options Learning

Where did you attend college and earn your degrees/credential?

I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Spanish (major) and Math (minor) at Loyola Marymount University. After spending a year in Puerto Rico working with teens, I went on to earn my Single Subject and Supplementary teaching credentials in Math and Spanish, respectively. Then I returned to school again, just before starting a family, to complete my Master's degree in Mathematics Education at CSU Northridge

How many years have you worked in education?

I have worked in education practically my whole adult life! I starting with tutoring when I was in college, then later moved on to substitute teaching, teaching full time in a classroom setting, teaching virtually, homeschooling my own kids, and now directing Options Learning and supporting homeschooling parents.

What were you doing before you joined CCS?

Before I joined CCS in 2016, I was teaching Spanish for an online school. Prior to that, I had taught various levels of high school math at a brick and mortar.

How long have you been part of Compass?

This is my third year with Compass. When I started, the Options program was just getting started. It has been great to see it blossom into what it is now!

Tell us about your family.



I have been married to my husband, Elgin, for 18 years and have three children -- K.C. (15), Kyle (13), and Cassandra (7) -- who are all homeschooled. Our busy daily lives are filled round the clock with work, school, church activities, and soccer.

What's your favorite book?

I love to read and have enjoyed too many books to name one favorite! A favorite book from when I was a child is *The Little House* (Virginia Lee Burton). A favorite from my teen years is *The Outsiders* (S.E. Hinton). And a few favorites from my adult years include *Cuando Era Puertorriqueña* (Esmeralda Santiago), *Fermat's Enigma* (Simon Singh), and *Learning All the Time* (John Holt).

Please share one fun fact about yourself.

My kids and I enjoy playing games. (They can't stand losing, though!) Just about every morning, my early-rising daughter and I play a board game. Highlight's *Top Secret Adventures* has been her choice for several...many, many...months now. It is amusing, but Mom is really hoping she starts adding some variety here someday soon!

VENDOR NEWS

The vendor department here at Compass has been extremely busy over the summer adding new vendors to help serve our scholars! Since school ended last June, nearly **100** new vendors have been added to the approved list. As you peruse the [page of approved vendors](#), keep in mind that while the Batch Geo map is a great tool to search for a service near you, you can also search through the approved list by typing in your county. In addition, if you don't see a vendor on the list near you, please talk to your EF about the process of sending out an application to a potential vendor. Check out some of these new materials vendors:

[Bookroo](#) - Children's book club, monthly subscriptions

[42 Electronics](#) - Robotics curriculum

[Singapore Math Live](#) - Live online instruction and support for those who have purchased and are using Singapore Math

[Crafty School Crates](#) - Craft kits to supplement curriculum or use as stand alone

[Storybook Binds](#) - Literature curriculum accompanied by hands-on activities

[Ohana Learning Series](#) - Family-study curriculum

[Be A Maker Club](#) - Makerspace for kids

[Math Inspirations](#) - Math curriculum for scholars and teacher support for parents

[KidArtLit LLC](#) - Art and literature subscription box

[Centripetal Press](#) - Science curriculum for middle and high school

[Nicole the Math Lady](#) - Video instruction using Saxon Math

[Geography Matters](#) - Complete geography curriculum

[Half a Hundred Acre Wood](#) - Homeschool resources and tools

[Silicone Valley High School](#) - Online high school classes

[WriteShop](#) - Writing curriculum

[Money Munchkids](#) - Financial education for K-3rd

[Our Land Publications](#) - Social studies curriculum

[Waldorfish](#) - Online courses in geometry and art

[1 Driving School](#) - Online driver's education course

[NINE Enterprises](#) - Spelling curriculum

[2 Crafty Mamas](#) - Craft kits

[Tinkerspace](#) - Tinkering space for kids

[Microduino](#) - STEM resources

[The King's Roost](#) - DIY kits

[Kids of the Kosmos](#) - Journals and notebooks

If you choose to order from one of these new vendors, be sure to share feedback with your EF!

Looking for service vendors available in your area? Check out our [service vendor map](#)!

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

American Tiger Martial Arts & Fitness

americantiger.org

Focus, discipline, and improved fitness are all benefits of taking classes from one of our new service vendors, American Tiger Martial Arts & Fitness, located in Westminster! Operated by a homeschooling family, the master instructor uses this experience to help educate and promote the homeschooling community through the martial arts. In fact,

according to the owner, April Hawley, "No other martial arts school offers classes that cater specifically to homeschooling families and the greater community the way we do. We have classes at times that are designed to work best for homeschoolers." This business understands and works with a homeschooling family's flexible schedule.



Martial arts can have a positive impact on all aspects of your scholar's life in addition to physical fitness. As April notes, her classes are best for "those looking for a fun, safe, and supportive environment that instills self-discipline, kindness, respect, and fitness skills in themselves and their children." American Tiger Martial Arts & Fitness offers different levels of classes once, twice, and unlimited (with a cap of 5) times per week, so you are sure to find a time and class that fits your scholar's needs. Some of the most popular classes include the Homeschool Class, Circuit Training Days, Weapon Days, and special themed classes (Beach Day, Backwards Day, Hat Day, etc.). If you are in the area and interested in taking a class with American Tiger Martial Arts & Fitness, sign up for a free session. By doing so, you can take advantage of an introductory special offer of \$59 for the first month of class, which includes a uniform and first belt. Sounds like a deal! If you have any questions, you can contact them at 714-899-2400 or check out their [website](#).

Friends of Willow Tree

friendsofwillowtree.org

Friends of Willow Tree, a Waldorf-inspired enrichment program located in Fallbrook, is a new service vendor with Compass Charter Schools this year! This program is ideal for families who are seeking developmentally appropriate methods of education to help enrich or support their homeschool experience. After having successfully run a Waldorf preschool for 12 years, Willow Tree Charter started as a way to offer a Waldorf experience to families who may not traditionally have been



able to afford a private Waldorf school. After three very successful years as a charter, they decided to transition to a private enrichment center in order to support many more families.

All classes are hands-on at Friends of Willow Tree. Classes are offered five days a week on site so that families can have an immersive experience. Families have the option of attending for two, three, or five days a week, either full or partial days. FTW's most popular offerings are: Main Lesson Mornings, Homesteading, Garden Magic, Handwork, Yoga, Mindfulness, Choir, Cyber Civics, Painting, and many more! Currently, they are offering a limited time discount registration fee of \$100 for new families. You can reach Friends of Willow Tree at (760) 260-3155 or visit their [website](#).

SCHOLAR WORK SAMPLES



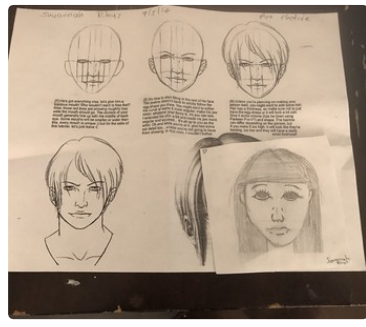
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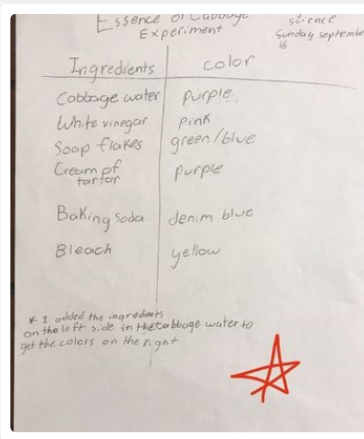
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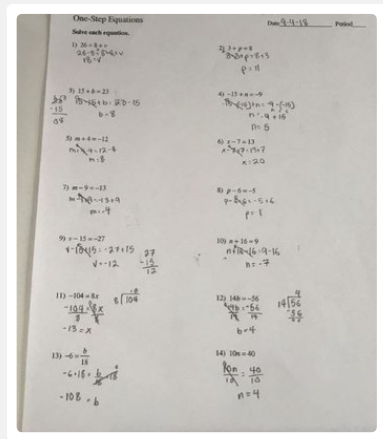
Third grade scholar, Anabella S., is ready for the school year!



Sixth grade scholar, Savannah Rhys, learned how to sketch a face.



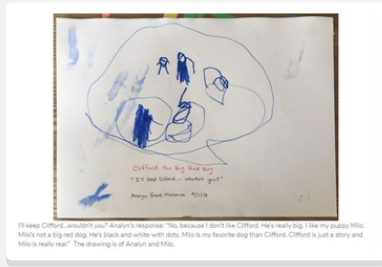
Abigail R., a 7th grader, did an science experiment "Essence of Cabbage" science to test color results when various ingredients were added to cabbage water.



Sophia B. is an 8th grader who is working on solving one-step equations and does so very neatly!

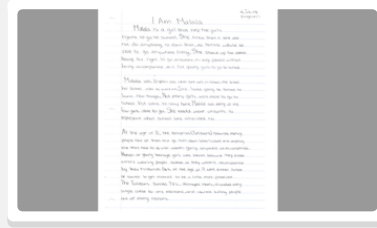
First grade scholar, Livianne P., and fifth grade scholar, Pickle P., are working on poetry units this year. Both girls did a study of the poem The Mermaid by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Here are some of the

activities they completed during the study of the poem. Both girls also memorized and recited the poem beautifully for their Learning Coach and recorded it and uploaded it to Seesaw. Fantastic, and very creative work!



Hi Miss Clifford, wouldn't you? Analyln's response: "No, because I don't like Clifford. He's really big. I like my puppy Milo. Milo's not a big red dog. He's black and white with dots. Milo's my favorite dog than Clifford. Clifford is just a stray and Milo is really nice!" The drawing is of Analyln and Milo.

TK scholar Analyln M. reflects on her reading of Clifford, the Big, Red Dog by drawing a picture and answering the question of whether she would like to keep him as a pet.



Elizabeth E., a 9th grader, summarized a section of a biographical book she is reading about a girl in the Middle East who wanted to make it possible for girls to go to school.



Elias M. did an experiment on carbon-based fuels for science.



Luke built a tower as tall as him. He searched for certain colors and shapes and found letters on the tiles while he was building.

COUNSELING SERVICES



Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Compass!

The school counselors hope that all of our scholars and their families had a fun and relaxing summer break. As the new school year begins with a fresh start, we want to highlight the importance of establishing strong communication habits right away! The school counselors at Compass are here for several purposes, but their main objective is to support the academic and personal success of the scholars they work with in any way that they can. But, they can't do it alone! In an effort to ensure each scholar's personal and academic success...they need your help!

Compass scholars are invited to utilize the following checklist to ensure that they have a successful school year by using the several means of communication that the counseling team has to offer:

- Check your emails at least twice daily. Part of being a responsible scholar includes checking for new emails at least twice per day. It's best to put a reminder in your planners or Google calendar to check your emails at different times throughout the day.
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- Sign up for the REMIND app. REMIND is an amazing tool that allows our counseling team to send you direct messages via the REMIND application straight to your phone. Simply follow the directions on your REMIND email invitation to sign up!
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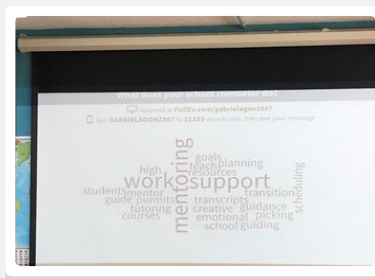
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What's New in Counseling?

This school year, we welcome some staffing changes!. Ms. Mataya Olson is the new College and Career Readiness Counselor who has been working tirelessly this past month getting up to speed with learning the "Compass way". Ms. Olson offers a wealth of information in the area of college and career, and we invite scholars to contact her for all of their college and career-related needs!

Additionally, earlier this month the counseling team kicked-off the Counseling with Compass Live presentation during orientation at the Compass' Orange County Learning Center (OCLC) in Santa Ana, CA. The team traveled to the OCLC and gave a presentation about counseling for scholars and their learning coaches. Yup! you read that right...the counseling team is hitting the road! Families at the orientation were asked to build a word cloud to describe their definition of school counselors and their responsibilities. Overall, it was a great time that allowed the counseling team to connect with scholars and their families!

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COUNSELING FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

This month we are happy to highlight the Brinkman Family!

They are part of the Options (homeschool) Program at Compass. John and Annalise both practice and compete in the martial art and combat sport of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, which is the primary fighting style of the ancient Samurai in Japan and the most sought-after martial art for all professional MMA fighters. We asked the family a few questions - check out their answers:

What does a typical day look like for you, John and Annalise?

Learning Coach: A typical day usually starts with the children reviewing their schedule and deciding what needs to be completed. They go to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practice every day so they know they have to manage their time between academics and practice.

What has been your greatest joy and what has been your greatest challenge in schooling John and Annalise at home? How did you overcome the challenge(s)?

Learning Coach: The greatest joy is knowing that they enjoy homeschooling and want to continue with the experience. They truly enjoy it and they are both organized to stay on track. The greatest challenge is when they have a question about math that I don't know the answer to. I then call upon helpful resources like friends or our educational facilitator who are clever in math and can support us.

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What advice would you give parents thinking about schooling their child at home?

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Engagement | Fall 2018

Welcome Back!

We have had a great start to the 18-19 school year so far!

I am so excited to share all of the exciting and engaging field trips and events CCS will offer this year! Stay tuned on Parent Square for more information and sign ups!

Rebecca MacAlpine, Director of Engagement

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Let's reflect on the field trips and engagement events we've had so far:

- **Back to School Picnics** - We kicked off the school year by hosting 5 Back to School Picnics across the state! Picnics were held in Clovis, Thousand Oaks, Riverside, Costa Mesa and San Diego from 11am to 1pm on Friday, September 7. All picnics had specially designed activities for scholars and pizza for everyone who came out to celebrate the new school year! Combining all picnics together, we had approximately 275 staff, scholars, learning coaches and guests attend our 5 picnics!
- **Virtual Scholar Workshop** - We held our first virtual scholar workshop for the school year on Tuesday, September 11. Captain Douglas J. Bradt, U.S. Navy (Retired) shared with our Compass community about his career along with practical applications of academics to scholar's futures. Coordination was made with the USS Midway Museum and Capt. Douglas Bradt used a webcam and microphone to present from aboard the USS Midway. Families shared positive feedback about their experience in the virtual scholar workshop and appreciated the presentation.
- **LA County Fair** - Our first field trips of the year were to the LA County Fair on Wednesday, September 19. We coordinated two sessions - one session for our elementary scholars and one

session for our middle school/high school scholars. Both field trips were well received. We had 34 families register for our elementary session along with 18 families register for our middle school/high school session.

SCHOLAR STORIES

We were so glad to hear that those who attended our Back to School Picnics loved their time with local CCS families and made wonderful memories!

A family that attended our Riverside Picnic shared that they loved working with *Greener STEMs*, who is one of our vendors! They brought the ingredients to make edible slime and salad dressings. The scholars had an awesome time socializing with the other participants. The learning coach loved watching her scholars enjoy the activities planned for them during the picnic. It was valuable for the learning coach to visit with other learning coaches and share best practices while their scholars enjoyed the activities!



CONTESTS

We are currently are collecting entries for our school space photo contest! Families are invited to share with us where they do their daily lessons. We have loved seeing scholar's learning places and look forward to receiving even more entries before the month is over! Winners will receive either a CCS blanket or laptop bag!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are looking forward to the many field trips we have in the months ahead including (but not limited to): Cal Earth Private Interactive Tour, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Voyage of the Explorers Dockside Tour in Monterey, Ocean Quest Private Boat Excursion lead by Discovery Cube, Virtual Scholar Talent Show and more!

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